

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

What about making a copy of my children's playing instruments in a church play and then trying to make a copy for the other parents. Much of the common media today including digital is used only for home/private entertainment.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices? Items such as this digital flag would interfere with trying to set up a friend's recorder brought to your house for trouble shooting. Items including computers would have problems being used for general recording. Hollywood and its backers are known to try to restrict technology that would benefit them, i.e.: VCR technology.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

In my home among millions of others, technology goes back to analog records that could be rerecorded to digital means so that I can hear the voice of Caruso once again among others. Also as an electronic engineer my right to work with analog and digital circuits for my own amusement or to potentially create a new circuit to benefit me or others must be preserved.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

A growing number of informed consumers appreciate and want to preserve the user-controlled nature of digital technologies, consistent with fair protections for copyrights.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

Based on past experience any copyright controlling software or hardware on works an expensive burden on legitimate law abiding people. The mass producers in other countries including China disregard the laws and will of the the people of the United States.

Other Comments:

As a final comment, the people of this great country must have the lawful privilege to work with any circuit that they choose, and that the inclinations of a rich few media folk should not be followed in any case.